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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby disclose information that may be relevant to the Examiner's consideration of the above-identified application and the patentability of its claims.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Form PTO/SB/08A, with a copy of the Abstracts of the references cited therein, is submitted for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant notes that they were only able to obtain one of the published applications cited. Applicant is diligently attempting to obtain the other published application, and at present is only able to provide the English Abstract.

The references were first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Specifically, the references were first cited in an office action issued on May 14, 2008 in a Japanese patent application corresponding to the present application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08A be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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Respectfully submitted,

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